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GET ALONG GANG™

BACK TO SCHOOL!

HI GANG!

Are you going back to school this week? Maybe it's your first ever term at school! Whether it's your first or your umpteenth term you're bound to enjoy it! It's always especially exciting in the Autumn as that's when you move up into the next class and have a new teacher!
We have problems getting back to school this year! You can read about them on page 8, there's also a great school game on page 16. On this page you'll see there's lots of brain-teasers all about school! I bet you can't wait until the first day of term!

Montgomery

NEXT WEEK: A special shadowy issue!

GANG PROJECT

Here's a few teasers to get your brain in training for a new school year!

How many words can you make out of the word below?

BLACKBOARD

Look below to see the words we came up with – names don't count!)

We managed to get the following words out of **BLACKBOARD**: black, board, back, bard, lack, lard, rack, oak, road, lark, cob, bald, bad, rod, cod, dock, rock, cock, lock, load, lad, cad, drab, cab, crab.

Below are snippets from 5 different school reports. The reports belong to 5 members of Green Meadow School – can you guess who the are?

1 ... this sporty pupil muststop jogging in class!
2 ... she would do better in art if she painted the paper rather than her face!
3... this studious pupil must be careful of working too hard!
4 ... **Aaaagh!** What a dreadful pupil!
5 ... this pupil would do better in reading aloud classes if she took the chewing gum out of her mouth first!

Answers: 1 Zipper 2 Woolma 3 Braker 4 Catchum 5 Lolly

Can you untangle the 5 anagrams below? The answers are below.

1 HACREET
2 NETTODIEN
3 YASES
4 KROMEHOW
5 DAMSHSTEERA

Answers: 1 Teacher 2 Detention 3 Essay 4 Homework 5 Headmaster

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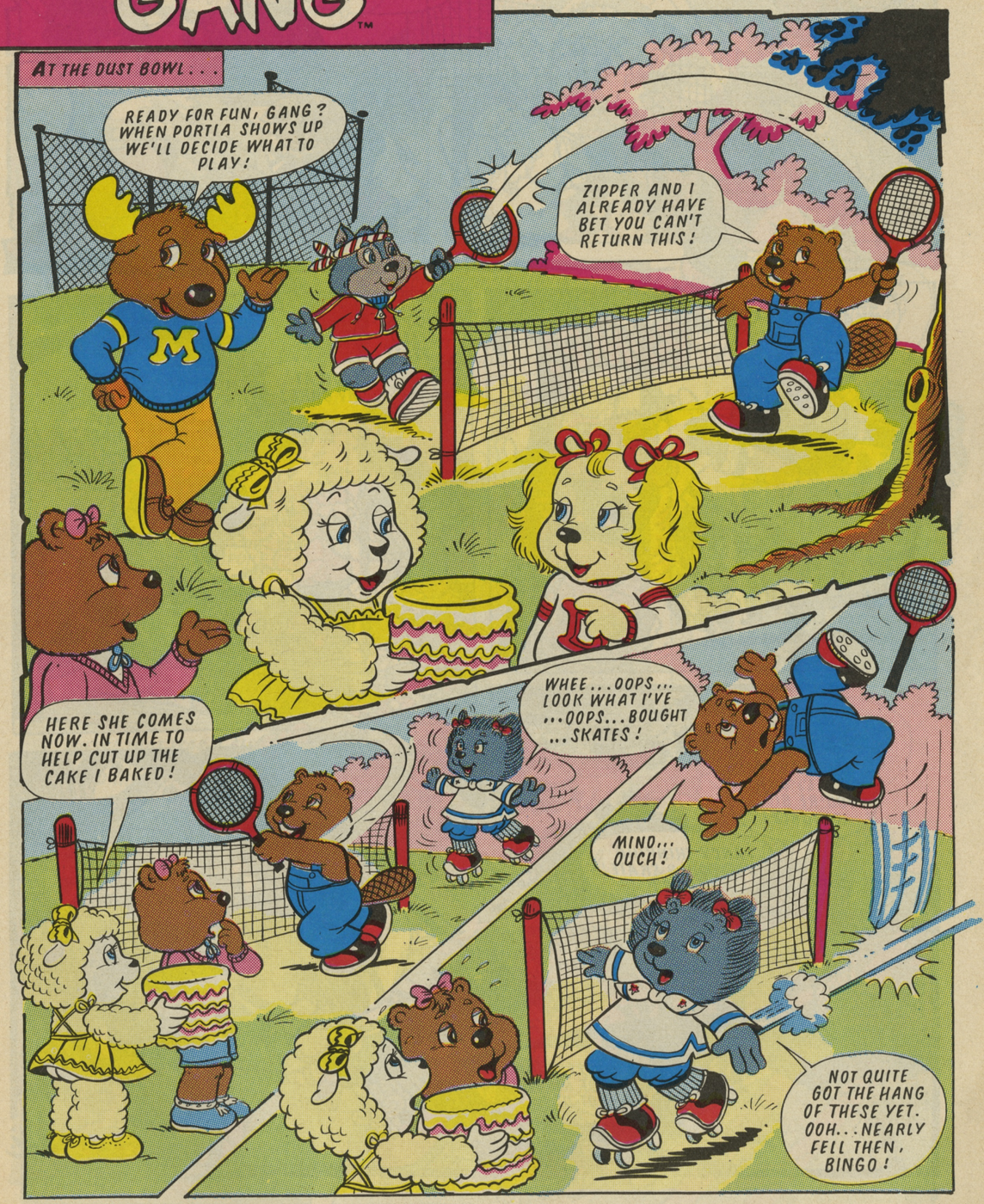
...IN SKATES AND LADDERS!



WUUGH!

S-SORRY, CAN'T KEEP MY FEET!

FOR GOODNESS SAKE, PORTIA, HANG ON!

SPLODGE!

BUT NOT TO MY ANTLERS! YOWCH!

BUMP!

YOU PINT-SIZED PEST!

LOOK AT MY CAKE!

LOOK AT MY FACE!

MY NOSE!

YOU MAY BE SMALL, BUT YOU'RE BIG TROUBLE!

FANCY THINKING YOU COULD SKATE! GRRR!

SHE'S GOING... WE'RE SAFE NOW!

WHO NEEDS THAT SORT OF NUISANCE, NOT US!

IT-IT ISN'T FAIR... I ONLY WANTED TO SHARE IN THE FUN!

UP... HIC... BEFORE DAWN IN THE LINE OF DUTY... HIC... BREAKFAST ON THE MOVE... HIC... THE RESULT? HICCUPS... HIC... I'LL NEVER GET RID OF THEM...

A SHOCK'S GOOD FOR HICCUPS, OFFICER GROWLER. WANT TO SEE MY TAX BILL?

AAAUGH!

WHIZZZ

CRASH!

OH, OH! YOU SPOKE TOO SOON!

THE GANG HAD TRACKED DOWN THEIR PRICKLY PAL...

WHAT CAN WE SAY, PORTIA? SORRY FOR GETTING SO ANGRY! BRING YOUR SKATES BACK TO THE DUST BOWL AND WE'LL HELP YOU FIND YOUR FEET!

TOO LATE, DOTTY I'VE THROWN THEM AWAY, THEY WON'T CAUSE ANY MORE BOTHER!

WHICH ONE OF YOU LOT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS? UPENDING AN OFFICER IN THE COURSE OF HIS DUTY, INTERUPTING AN IMPORTANT INVESTIGATION! I'LL...

WAIT, OFFICER GROWLER!

YOUR HICCUPS HAVE GONE! THAT SHOCK DID THE TRICK!

COO! YOU'RE RIGHT! I CAN CONTINUE MY SEARCH IN PEACE AND QUIET!

PHEW! THAT WAS A CLOSE SHAVE! NOW WE'D BETTER FIND THAT OTHER SKATE-FAST!

WAAAAH!

YOU'VE FOUND IT, ZIPPER - OR IT'S FOUND YOU! QUICKLY, GRAB SOMETHING TO STOP YOURSELF!

WHOOSH

I'LL TRY... ERK... THE LADDER'S COMING, TOO!

ZOOOOOM...

OH, DEAR! THIS IS ALL MY FAULT!

WHIZZ!

OOF!

DONK!

PHEW! EVERYTHING'S OKAY!

I WOULDN'T BET ON THAT, MONTGOMERY LISTEN!

OUCH! AAH! WHO TOOK THE LADDER AWAY?

WE'D BETTER RETURN THE LADDER, AND... ZIPPER... STOP HISSING AT ME!

I'M NOT, DOTTY!

?

SSSSSSS

LOOK WHO WAS SCRUMPING APPLES IN THAT ORCHARD, WHAT A LET DOWN WHEN THEIR LADDER DISAPPEARED!

IT'S THIS SNAKE TRAPPED BY THE LADDER... HUH... SNAKE!

THAT'S WHY I WAS UP AND ABOUT SO EARLY. ON THE TRACK OF A SPECIMEN PYTHON ESCAPED FROM A COLLECTOR! NOW I'VE FOUND IT THANKS TO YOU LOT!

LET'S GET ALONG, GANG AND RETURN IT TO ITS RIGHTFUL OWNER!

GOOD IDEA TO USE THE LADDER AS A CARRIER GANG!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, PORTIA. PYTHONS AREN'T POISONOUS!

AND AT THE HOME OF MILROY MONGOOSE...

MY PRECIOUS PYTHAGORAS – SAFE AND SOUND! I'LL TREAT YOU ALL TO A SLAP-UP LUNCH FOR THIS!

SPECIAL TODAY SKATE & CHIPS

I SUPPOSE IT WAS AN ODDS-ON CERTAINTY WE'D HAVE SKATE AND CHIPS ALL ROUND!

AND AFTERWARDS BACK AT THE DUST BOWL...

THAT'S IT, KEEP TRYING! I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO SKATE WITH GRACE AND STYLE!

I'LL TEACH YOU SKILL AND SPEED!

TWO, FOUR, SIX, EIGHT – WHO DO WE APPRECIATE..?

CLICK!

PORTIA!

NEVER THOUGHT WE'D END UP PLAYING SNAKES AND LADDERS TODAY!

YOU MEAN SKATES AND LADDERS, DON'T YOU? HA, HA!

NEXT WEEK: The Gang meet a boxing kangaroo!

BACK TO SCHOOL!

The Gang are all set for a new term at school, but Catchum has other ideas . . .

TRIIIING! TRIIIING! CRASSSSH! BOI-III-ING! KER-SPLOSH!

"AAAAARGH! What's that?" Bingo jumped awake as a gush of water splashed all over him.

"Yipes! Help! The roof's leaking!" he cried, leaping out of bed. He felt a right twit when he remembered that it was the special alarm system he'd rigged to get him up in time for school! It was the first day back after the summer holidays and he'd promised the rest of the Gang that he wouldn't be late.

They'd decided to go to school together so were all waiting at the Caboose for him. Naturally, Bernice was first to arrive and busy checking that the rest of the Gang were clean and tidy!

"Rocco, have you washed behind your ears?" she asked, tweaking them to find out.

"Owww! Get off Bernice, it's bad enough having to go back to school!" Rocco grumbled.

"yeah, boring lessons, **Boo!"** Bingo grumbled as he joined them.

"It is very important to have an education" Braker told them, getting ready to start one of his long lectures "Without school we wouldn't learn such useful things as science and maths, not to mention . . ."

"Aw, shaddup Braker!" everyone said before he got too carried away.

"Come on then, Gang, let's go." Dotty said.

"Hang on a minute – where's Woolma?" Portia cried "We can't go without her. The Gang always go to school together."

"Probably fixing her hair!" Bingo grinned.

"Sorry I'm late Gang." Woolma shouted, as she came into the Caboose, her hair tied up with pink ribbons. "I couldn't do a thing with my hair!"

"Told you!" Bingo laughed.

"Right, we'd better go now or we'll be late." Montgomery said.

"Yah, listen to them creeps!" Catchum said, peeping through the bushes at them "Little do they know that they're going to be very, very late. That'll make Miss Marmot cross. **Haw! Haw! Haw!"**

"D'ya think they'll fall for it, Catchum?" Leland asked eagerly.

"Course they will, stupid!" Catchum grinned "Quick, let's follow 'em and see the fun!"

As the Gang turned the corner they saw a big sign in the middle of the road.

WARNING! PLEASE DO NOT USE THIS ROAD, IT IS VERY DANGEROUS. FOLLOW THAT ROAD TO GREEN MEADOW SCHOOL. A big arrow pointed to the left.

"Gosh, I wonder what's happened?"

"Perhaps they're digging up the road!"

"I didn't think that road led to Greenmeadow school" Montgomery said suspiciously, as they followed the arrow.

"It's probably just a longer route." Portia said as the Gang set off down the road.

"Heh! Heh! The mugs!" Catchum chortled as he watched them "They'll never get to school that way! They'll really be late now!"

"My feet ache!" Bernice grumbled "We've been walking for ages!"

"Yeah, where's the school?" Bingo asked, looking around "We should be there now."

"Actually, we are going further and further north east, whereas the school is south east." Braker informed everyone after checking his compass. This time no one told him to shut up.

"We'd better turn back." Montgomery said "I think we've been tricked and I can guess who by."

"CATCHUM!" everyone groaned together.

"Help! Help!" came a loud shout from the bushes.

"Sounds like someone in trouble!" Zipper said, zipping over to investigate. The others followed.

"Gosh, it's Miss Marmot!" they all gasped.

Her car was stuck in a ditch ans she was very cross. "When I find out who wrote that sign there'll be trouble!" she fumed.

None of the Gang said anything. They didn't like Catchum but they weren't about to tell tales about him.

"We'll help you get your car out of the ditch" Zipper offered.

"Come on, Gang, let's all push!" Dotty said "It won't take long if we work together."

"Heave Ho!"
"Gaaasssp!"
"Gruuuuunnnt!"
"Puuussh!"
"Yippee, It's out!"

"Well done, Gang!" Miss Marmot smiled "Jump in and I'll give you a lift back to school."

"Hah! Hah! Been for a long walk, have you?" Catchum gloated as the Gang finally walked into the classroom. "Fooled you with that sign, didn't I?"

But he hadn't noticed Miss Marmot right behind them.

"Catchum Crocodile! So it was you who wrote that stupid sign!" She said angrily "I'm going to ask the headmaster to give you treble homework!"

"Hard luck Catchum!" Bingo laughed "I think I see signs of **big trouble** for you!"

By Karen King

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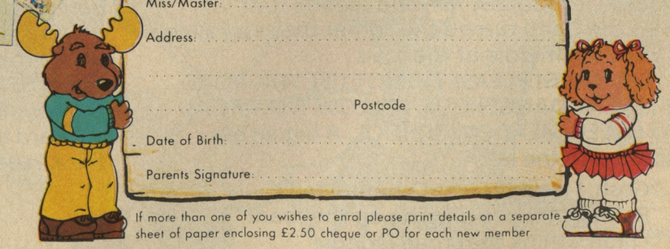

The hilarious adventures of two little field mice and their country friends!

CLORO AND DIGBY

The neighbouring beavers and their dam have landed Cloro and Digby in hot water!

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HOW CAN THE WATER POSSIBLY BE THIS WARM?

IT'S HARDLY SURPRISING, LOOK!

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JUMPING JELLY BEANS!

I TRUST NO-ONE WILL MIND IF I SUGGEST WE LEAVE THE WATER!...

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!

PHEW!

32.

WHAT ON EARTH COULD HAVE HAPPENED NOW?

YOU TELL ME!

WE MUST GO AND FIND THE BEAVERS, THEY PROBABLY NEED HELP!...

DIGBY, GET THE OTHERS TOGETHER WITH ALL THE TRANSPORT YOU CAN FIND, I'LL GO AND GET THE CAR!...QUICKLY!...

SOON A VERY STRANGE PROCESSION WAS MAKING IT'S WAY TO THE BEAVERS' CAMP...

IT'S NOT FAR NOW!

WE'LL SOON FIND OUT WHAT'S... OH!

HOW AWFUL!

ABOVE ALL, DON'T PANIC!... GET SOME CONTAINERS, EVERYONE!... WE'LL MAKE A CHAIN!...

FASTER! FASTER!

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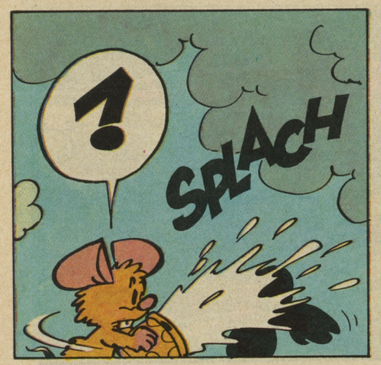
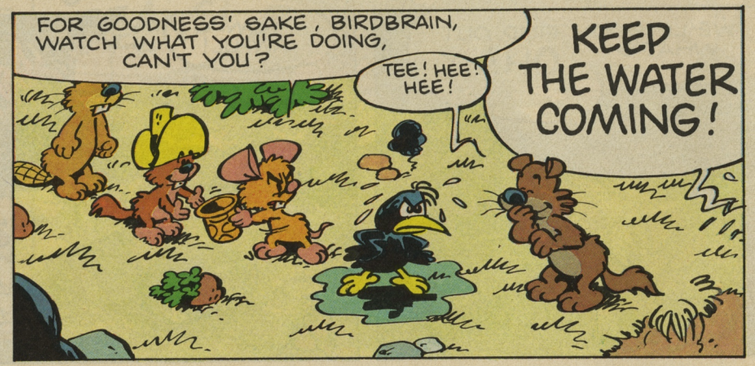
LIKE THIS!

YOU'RE GOING TOO QUICKLY...YOU'RE SPILLING MOST OF IT!





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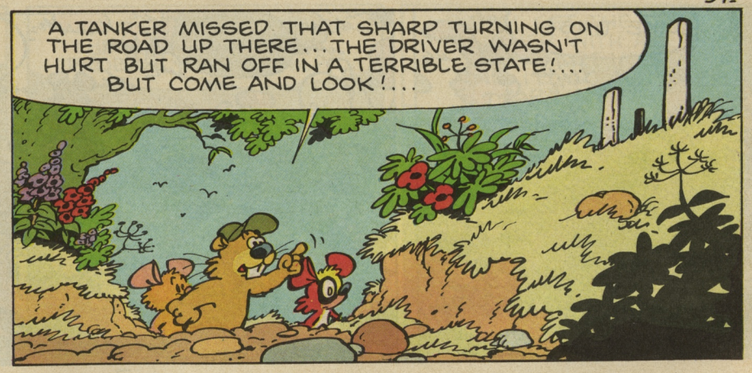

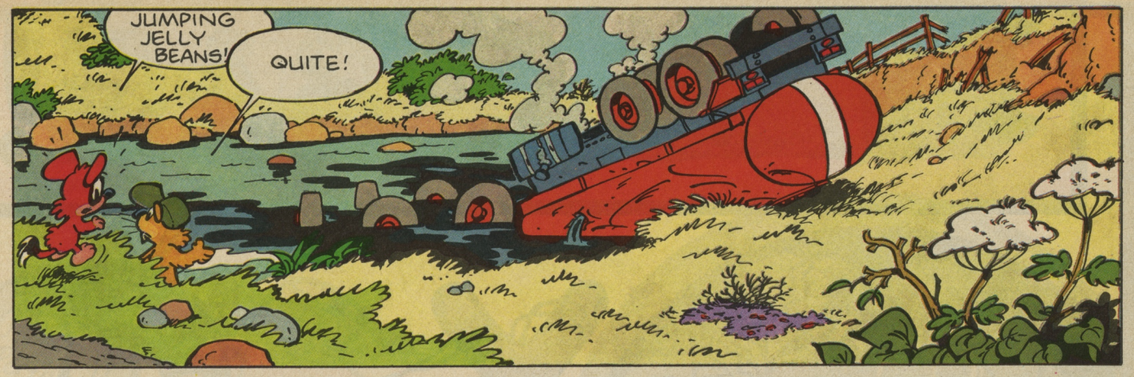

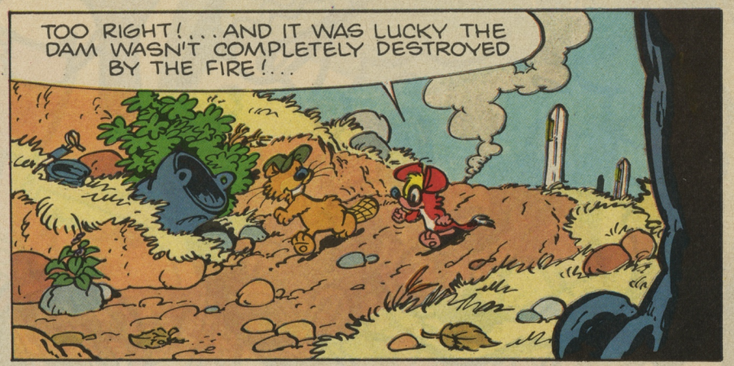

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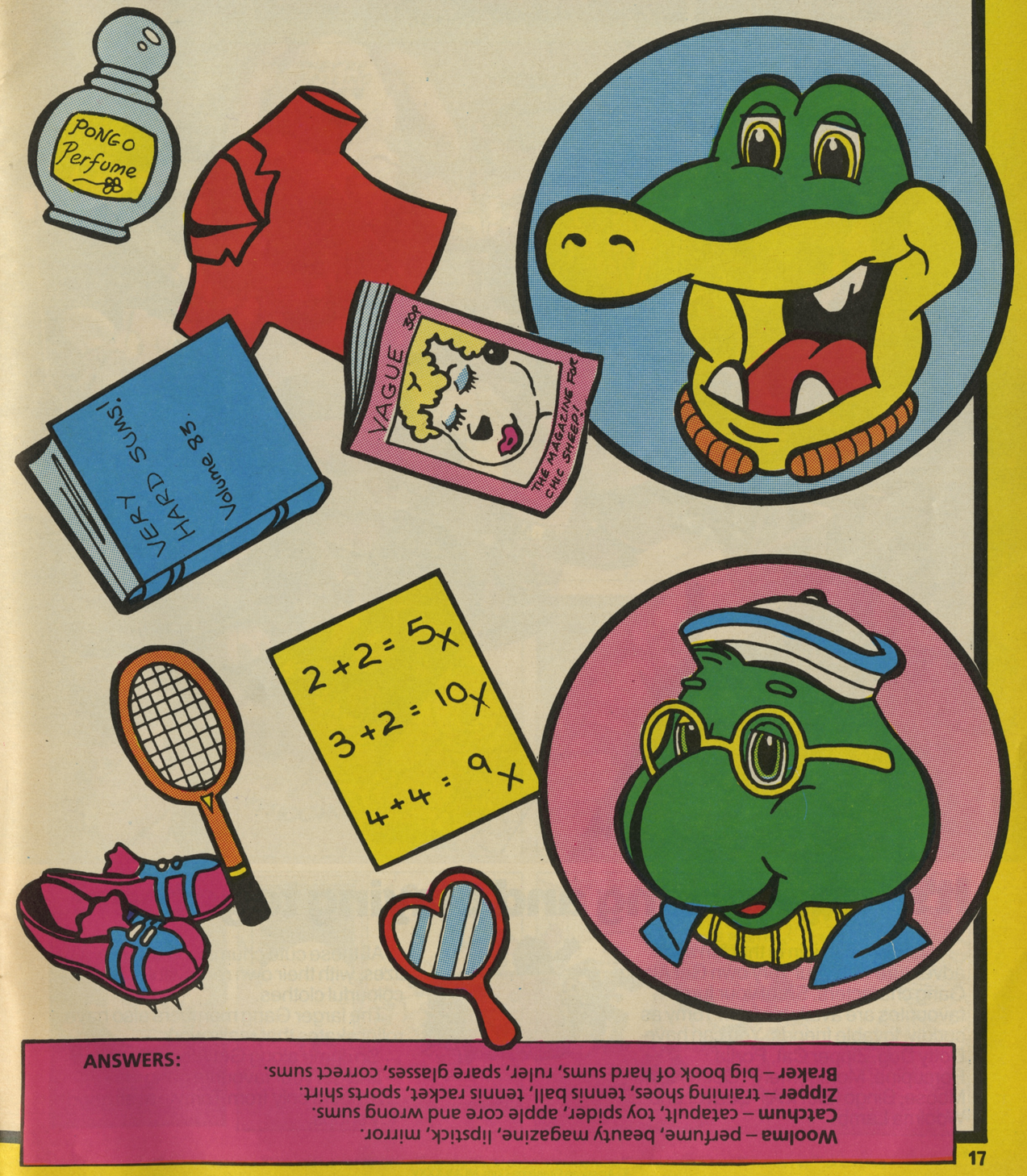
NEXT WEEK: The floods spell trouble for Birdbrain!

IN THE BAG!

When Woolma, Catchum, Zipper and Braker went to pack their satchels for the new school term, they found that all their belongings had got mixed up! Can you sort them out for them by deciding which things belong to each person. For example, does the beauty magazine belong to Catchum? The answers are below.



ANSWERS:

Woolma – perfume, beauty magazine, lipstick, mirror.
Catchum – catapult, toy spider, apple core and wrong sums.
Zipper – training shoes, tennis ball, tennis racket, sports shirt.
Braker – big book of hard sums, ruler, spare glasses, correct sums.

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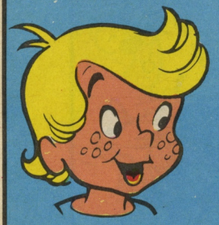
The secret life of. . .

TOP DOG™

Top Dog and Heathcliff are being chased through the museum by two jewel thieves!

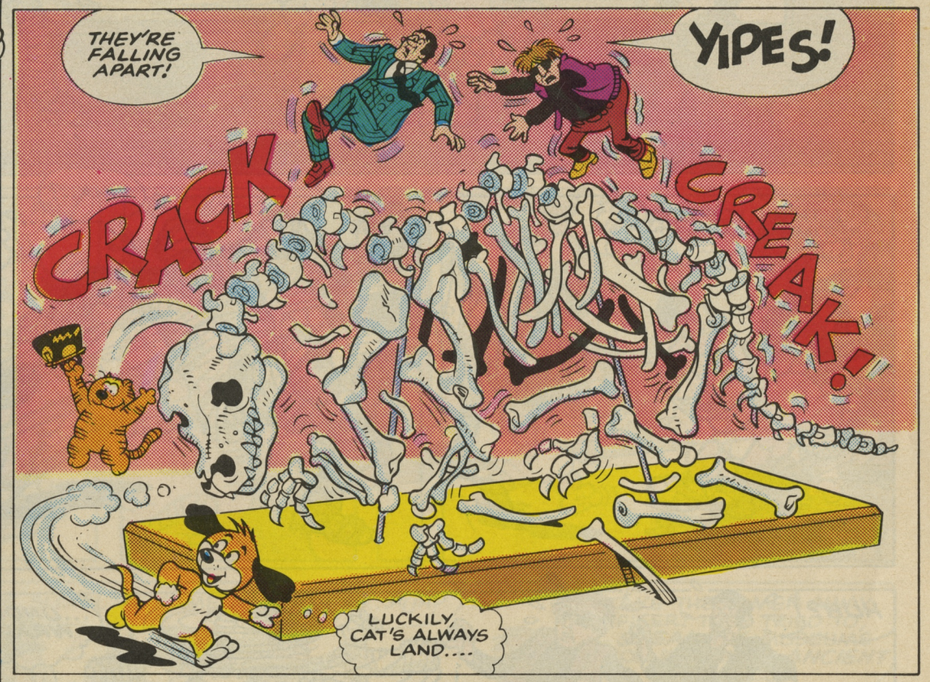


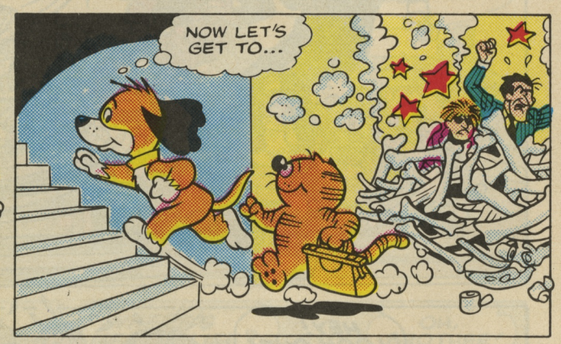
Joey Jordan

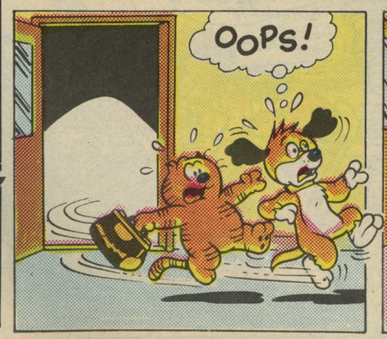
Joey's mum

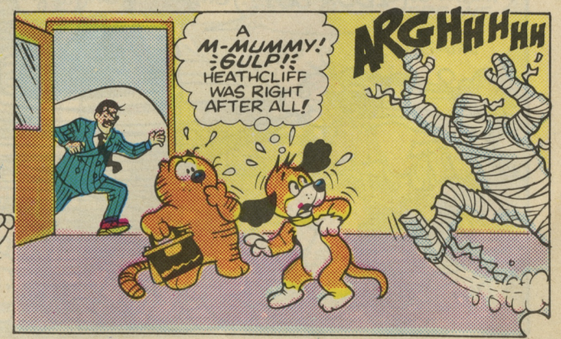
Joey's dad

Lizzie Jordan

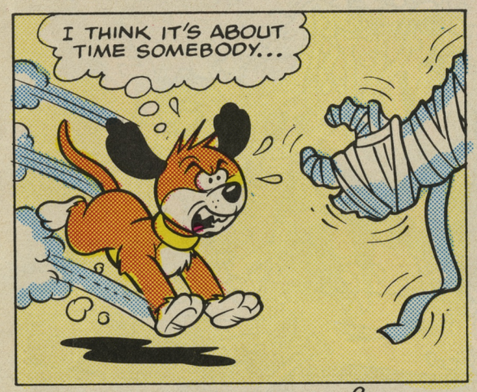








GET THEM, MAX!
MAX?
HMM!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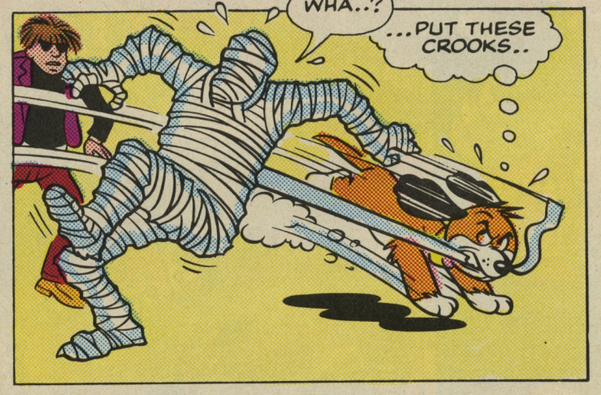
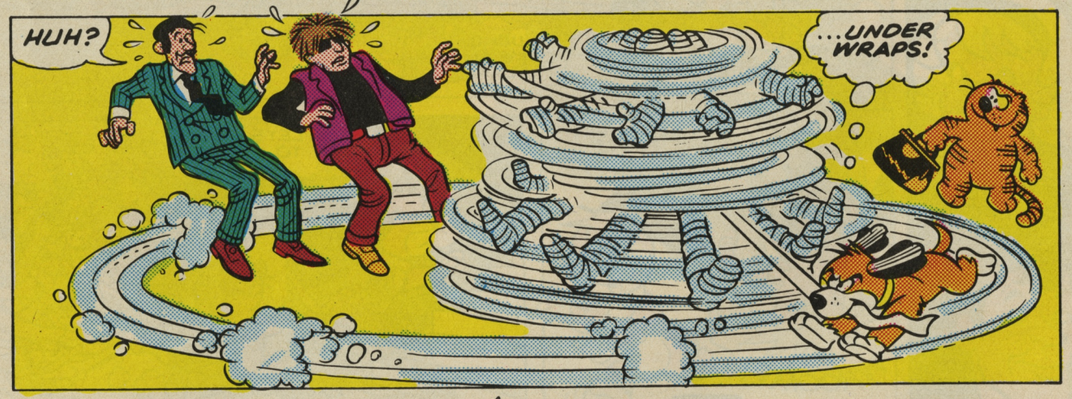
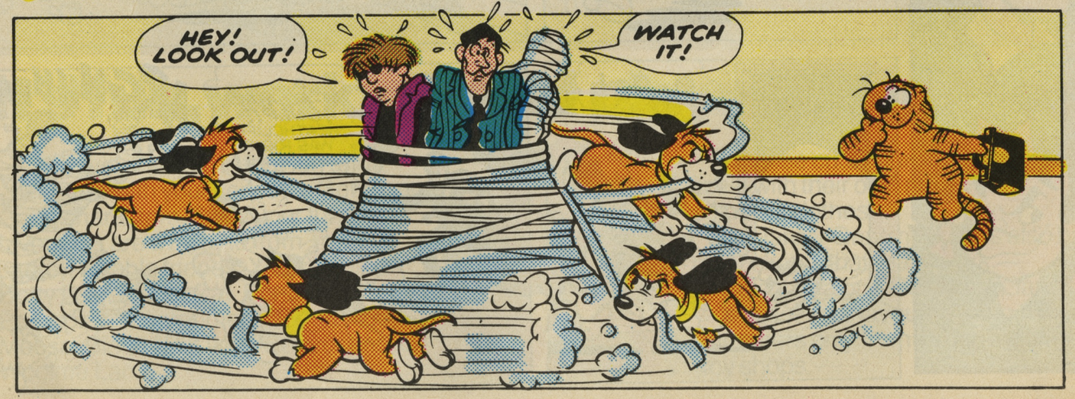

WHA..?
...PUT THESE CROOKS..

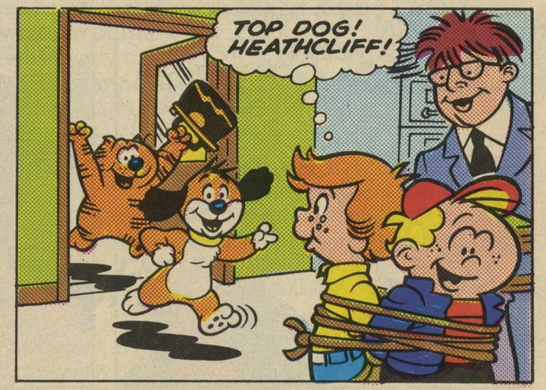

HUH?
...UNDER WRAPS!


HEY! LOOK OUT!
WATCH IT!

OW!
OUCH!
OW!
WHAT HIT US?
HEH HEH! JUST WANTED YOU GUYS TO BE CLOSE TO YOUR MUMMY!

PUT 'ER THERE, PAL!

HUH? JOEY AND IGGY!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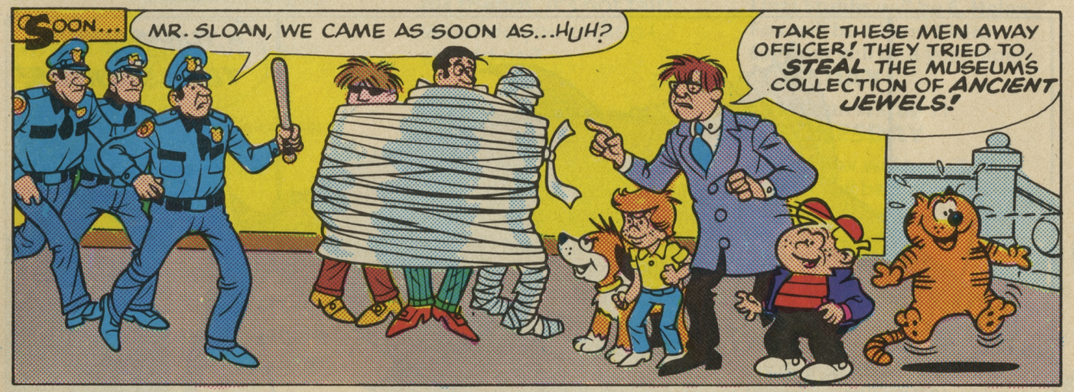
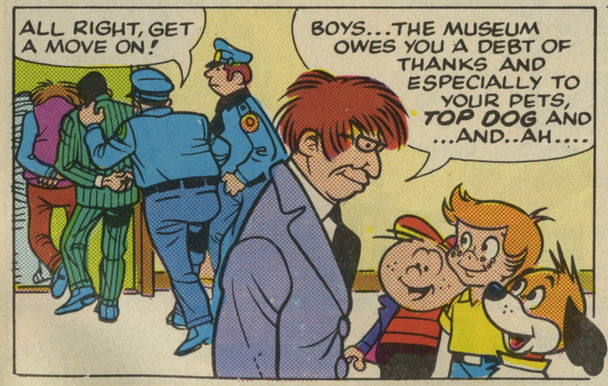
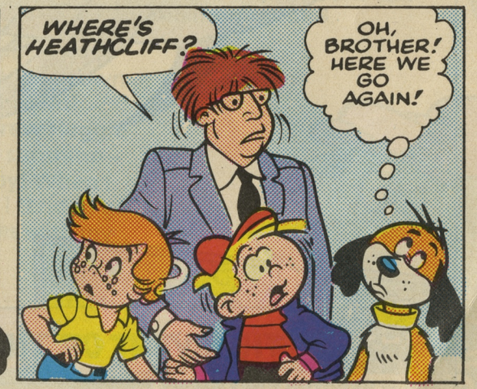
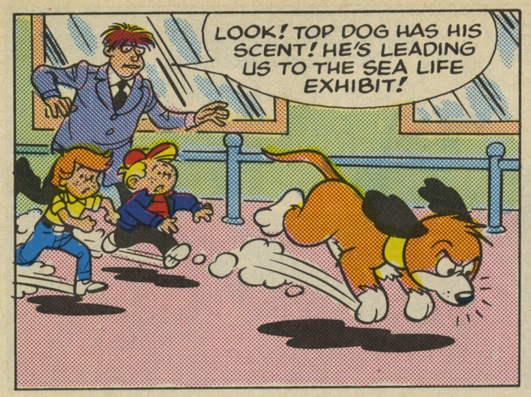
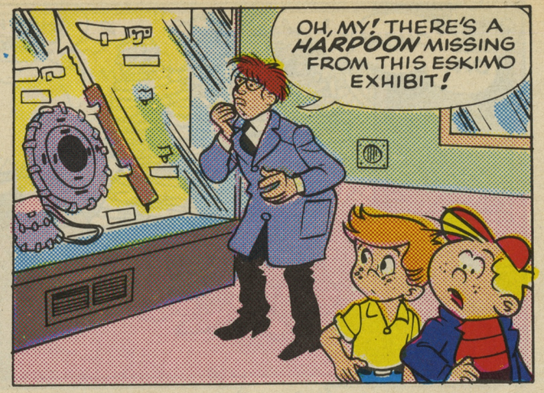
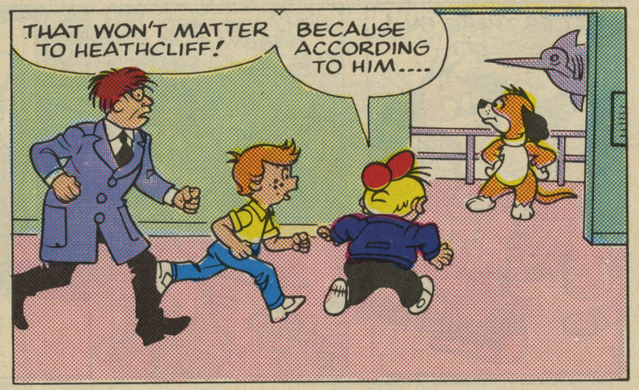

SOON...
MR. SLOAN, WE CAME AS SOON AS...HUH?
TAKE THESE MEN AWAY OFFICER! THEY TRIED TO STEAL THE MUSEUMS COLLECTION OF ANCIENT JEWELS!

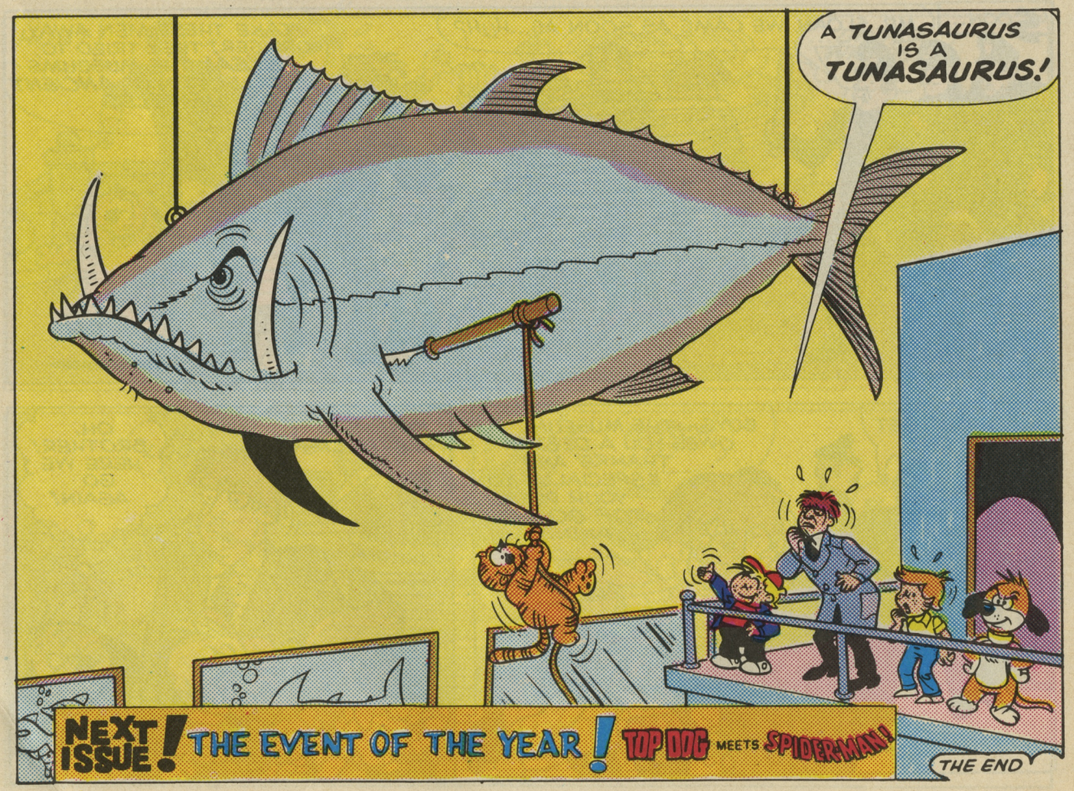

ALL RIGHT, GET A MOVE ON!
BOYS...THE MUSEUM OWES YOU A DEBT OF THANKS AND ESPECIALLY TO YOUR PETS, TOP DOG AND ...AND..AH....


WHERE'S HEATHCLIFF?
OH, BROTHER! HERE WE GO AGAIN!









LETTERS TO GUMMY FOOT SWAMP

GUMMYFOOT GAGS!

What weighs nothing, but can sink a ship?
A hole!

Patricia Stanby.

Waiter, waiter there's a footprint on my pie!
Well, you did tell me to step on it!

Michelle Hellyer.

What's black and white and red all over?
A sunburnt penguin!

Richard Douglas.

PRICKLY PORTIA!

Dear Catchum,
Doesn't Portia have a lot of curly hair? Don't you wish you had a bit more hair?

Emma Haygreen.

Portia doesn't have hair you silly-billy! She's a porcupine and has prickles – and they're pretty sharp I can tell you!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Dear Montgomery and Dottie,
I loved the special Royal Wedding issue! Your wedding was lovely too.

Leanne Kelly.

Thanks a lot Leanne! We got lots of really nice letters like yours! Thank you to everyone who wrote!
Love from Montgomery and Dottie
XXXX

BEASTLY BROTHER!

Dear Catchum,
My brother doesn't always like me to play with him and his friends, it's not fair! What do you reckon I should do?

Denise.

Well, that weedy old Moose, Montgomery, would probably tell you to have a chat to your brother and find out why he doesn't always want to include you in his games. Personally I find a bop on the nose usually does the trick! It always works with Leland!

FUN IN THE SUN!

Dear Catchum,
Do you get sunburnt when it's sunny? Do you go brown or red? I go very brown!

Andrew Heggie

Ugh! I don't like sunshine – it's not at all slimy! When I do go in the sun I tend to go red, which clashes with my green skin!

BIRTHDAY PEOPLE!

SATURDAY

Ryan Lynch will be 3, **Claire Howley** will be 4, **Christopher Fehrenbach** will be 7, **Kate Stevens** will be 8 and **Louise Dutt** will be 14.

SUNDAY

Lorraine Wright will be 5 and **David Butler** will be 7.

MONDAY

Linzi Stubbs will be 6, **Helen Fox** will be 11 and **Claire Gardner** will be a year older.

TUESDAY

Kate Egan will be 11.

WEDNESDAY

Rachel Box will be 8, **Zoë Brown** will be 8, **Katharine Glover** will be 8 and **Angela Brown** will be 9.

THURSDAY

Nicola Hopkinson will be 4.

FRIDAY

Andrew Cook will be 5, **James Boulter** will be 7, **Catriona Morrison** will be 8 and **Lisa Robinson** will be 8.

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